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Hongkong, March 25, 1885. 322

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

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Canton, 1st April, 1885. 507

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Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2155

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NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

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Hongkong, November 5, 1883.

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pany's Black Bills of Lading.Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-
gage can do so upon application at the Com-
pany's Office.N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Pass-
engers for MARSEILLE.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1885. 562

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,

MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

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Martes, Miércoles, Jueves, Viernes, Sábado.

Miercoles, Jueves, Viernes, Sábado.

Jueves, Viernes, Sábado.

Viernes, Sábado.

THE CHINA MAIL.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA, AND AFGHANISTAN.
London, 9th April, 1885.
The Afghan troops have been attacked and completely defeated by the Russians at Panj-Doh.

War Imminent between Russia and England.

Private telegrams received to-day are to the effect that war is imminent between Russia and England. This situation is explained by the fact, contained in another telegram, that the Russians had attacked and defeated the Afghans near Panj-doh. Panj-doh is on the frontier claimed by Russia, and is less than a hundred miles from Herat. As the Afghans hold, or held, Ak Tagh and Saray-yaz, two places to the North of Panj-doh, the hostile movement of the Russians and Afghans is the more easily understood.

The Evacuation of Tongquin, Formosa and the Pescadores.

A private telegram has, we believe, been received here stating that Formosa and the Pescadores will be formally evacuated by the French, and handed over to the Chinese, on the 15th inst.; and that Tongquin will be evacuated by the Chinese troops, on the same date.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Passage SUZU CANAL.—King's Own, Feb. 23.

The S. S. Anchises left Singapore for this port on the 4th inst. The S. S. Energia left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst. The S. S. Polynesian left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst. The S. S. Strathmore, from New York, left Singapore on the 7th inst. The S. S. Glenogle left Singapore for this port on the 7th inst.

DOCK MOVEMENTS.—The Anden will go to Aberdeen Dk. The Tandem will go to Queenstown Dk. The Wathood will go to Kowloon Dk.

The manufactory of the Peking Bridge Drilled Force is very busy making machine guns and torpedoes, cartridge, &c., &c. The Victoria Li is buying the materials needed at Tientsin.

CERTAIN Mongol nobles have sent a Peking, as a humble offering, 200 horses of tractable disposition, mohs and great speed. They are to be given to the Peking Field Force. In spite of the donors' disclaiming anyials to recompense, they are to be suitably rewarded.

A FRIEND in Peking writes that he hears that on 26th February the Court sent orders to the Marquis Liang, Ambassador to England and Russia, Vice-President of the Board of War, to proceed to Fukien to act as Joint Commissioner with Mu-tu-shan.—*Shen* of 19th March.

TAO Tsung T'ang is reported to have borrowed from the Boa of Revenue Ts. 800,000 for military purposes. The officer sent by him to Peking with his memorial to His Majesty, applying the loan, started with the money in 40 carts on the afternoon of 18th February.

THE Excellencies General Bowen and General Cameron, with Immodore Morant, paid a visit to Victoria to-day, and made a careful inspection of the building and its arrangements. They expressed themselves highly gratified with the state of the prison and accomplished the Acting Superintendent (Falconer) upon the state of efficiency of the department.

WONG Atai, Wong Atze-ping Ping, and Tu Lo, four of the men charged with causing the death of a condemned Sin Shing, in Quarry Bay, on the 11th ultimo, were to-day committed for trial the Supreme Court by Mr. Maclean. The other seven men arrested on the charge have been discharged. No fresh evidence the case was produced to-day.

THE Shen Pao of the 18th March reports that the Chinese Government, on receiving the news of Gordon's death, telegraphed to the Marquis Liang to wish dispatch to the English Government, expressing His Majesty's sorrow, announcing that a high posthumous rank will be given to him and a liberal compassionate grant made, and desiring that Gordon's ally may be informed of His Majesty's intensions.

THE case against Cheung Aky, who was charged on the 7th instant, the Police Court, with felonious settings to the premises No. 11, Bonham Std., on the 18th Oct. last, with intent to rob the Hamburg Insurance Company, tried Mr. Wodehouse's attention during greater part of to-day. Mr. Wodehouse cared for the prosecution and Mr. C. E. Ewer for the defense. Loong Kwong, a shan formerly employed in defendant's p. was examined at great length and Mr. Denkau, of Messrs. Pausau & Co., local agents of the Hamburg Fire Insur. Co., gave evidence as to insurances held in this office by defendant's firm. The case was further remanded till Thursday.

THE Belgian Foreign Mission, which is under the patronage of the Queen of Belgians, has now three bishops and four missionaries in Mongolia, and are being reinforced by another. They are priests, and laymen, who arrived Shanghai by the Nanking on the 1st ult. They are proceeding to Mo-ut-ki. They are members of the church, and were rich men, but have given all their possessions to the poor.—N. C. D. News.

We hear that Dr. Wenyon, who has done good service for years among the Chinese as superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission Hospital at Fatsahan, will start in a few days for the frontier of Kwangsi, there to attend to the Chinese soldiers who have been wounded in the recent engagements in Tongquin. The Chinese have no surgeons or doctors who are skilled enough to treat men wounded in battle, and as there must be an immense number of men suffering from wounds sustained in the fight, there can be little doubt that Dr. Wenyon's services will be looked upon by those afflicted as a boon from heaven. Of course, Dr. Wenyon's services will be given gratuitously.

H. M. S. Merlin arrived at Chefoo on the 27th March and left the same day for Taku.

Tzu N. C. D. News notices that many of the steamer are on their way out to China again.

M. C. Janzen, of the firm of Melchers & Co., who was formerly Belgian Consul at Shanghai, was recently decorated Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold, in acknowledgment of his services.

Tzu P. & O. Co.'s steamer Malwa on her last trip to Shanghai had a large quantity of lead on board, which has, however, says the N. C. D. News, to be sent back to Hongkong.

The British, French and Russian Squadrons in the China Seas.

At the present moment, when attention is being drawn to the relative strength of the navies of European powers, and when we are apparently on the eve of war with Russia, a few particulars regarding the various foreign men-of-war on the station, that prevailed in China for thousands of years.

THE foreign raters of Shanghai, by 151 to 145, have resolved that the Municipal Council be and is hereby instructed to continue for one year from and after the 30th of June next the contract at present existing with the Shanghai Electric Company; and for that purpose to expand such a sum as may be necessary in excess of the amount set apart for lighting in the Budget as passed at the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers; and be further authorized, if necessary, to add such extra sum to the amount which the Municipal Council was authorized at the said Annual Meeting to raise by debentures.

THE N. C. D. News of the 4th instant says:—Seeing that the various steamers from Tientsin have brought to this port Ts. 1,800,000 since the commencement of the season, and have not been interfered with, it seems strange that the French should have stopped the Kowshing on Wednesday, taken her to Gutzlaff, and detained her there for instructions from the Admiral Bayard. Triumphant, La Galissonniere, is slow, obsolete, possesses less coal carrying capacity and her armament is much inferior. At the most she cannot steam over 11 knots an hour, and her consumption of coal is such that four days steaming at full speed would exhaust her supply, the quantity burned being about 90 tons in twenty-four hours and the capacity of the bunkers not exceeding 400 tons.

At the beginning of a voyage especially, her movements are extremely sluggish, and she is in a position to testify that the Good Templary Order, with all its little failings, has faithfully carried out its noble mission, and I trust will continue to do so as long as the members who hold its charter work in harmony and love. Let me urge upon you to hear clearly in mind the principles, and the constitutional working of the order is bound to follow.

I would ask you to join with me in wishing the order all prosperity and the Duke of Albany Lodge a continuous success in its mission to save men from an unguarded use of intoxicating drinks.

The ladies were most remunerative to the

admiral, and I trust will be repaid.

His Lordship found that the plaintiff had not fulfilled his contract and dismissed the action, explaining to plaintiff that if he completed the work undertaken satisfactorily, the defendant was willing to pay the amount claimed.

Defendant stated that he was willing to pay the account as it stood as soon as plaintiff would complete the work according to his contract.

His Lordship found that the plaintiff had not fulfilled his contract and dismissed the action, explaining to plaintiff that if he completed the work undertaken satisfactorily, the defendant was willing to pay the amount claimed.

Defendant did not appear and judgment was entered for plaintiff.

FOOCHOW.—(From our Correspondent.)

4th April, 1885.

The Chinese have heard of the recapture of Lungmen and of the defeat and death of General Elibre de l'Isle. They are confident of the truth of the story and are overjoyed accordingly.

THE Shen Pao had a translation of one of my letters to you, apparently reciprocating for the translations from its columns which now and then appear in the China Mail.

We are to have a Flower Show—*I beg*

pardon. A Flower, Fruit, and Vegetable Show—about the end of this month. I wonder where the fruit will come from. It is recorded that on a former occasion fine unripe cherries were exhibited.

The Public Garden is adorned with a small piece of ornamental water, where

are fish and whereon numerous teal are placed.

Unfortunately the cutting of the teal's pinions does not seem to have been a success, for two sports in pursuit of spring snipe have seen and slaughtered what they eat wild teal, ignoring the impossibility of

being so far inland this warm weather.

We are now enjoying delightful warm

days with a southerly breeze, and we earnestly hope they will continue till the Races on Monday week. The deficiency of jockeys

is the gist of the argument!—

England derives her power from the ex-

tent of her Colonial Empire, and especially

from the possession of India. The other

Powers are jealous of her supremacy, and

to speak only of the present time, Russia

is making trouble in Afghanistan and Ger-

many on the West Coast of Africa, while

France is ruining English trade in China.

England cannot really remain France's

friend, and if she persists in forced

friendship, she will not only gain no aid

but will suffer deep injury. For France

is recklessly expending men and treasure to

obtain the whole of Tongkin, simply in the

hope of afterwards absorbing Siam, Bur-

ma, and the neighbouring states and so

forming a rival Asiatic Empire. What

can England gain by passively submitting to the encroachments of France? There-

fore England's best policy is to ally herself

with China. If China were in difficulties

England would try to settle them, if necessary

by force of arms. China thus would

become powerful—gain to England.

China has so large an empire that she would

never try to increase it at England's ex-

pense; India might rest tranquill.

If England undertakes the defense of China,

she could train her own forces and

thus be in a position to attack India.

On 14th March, Frenchmen after firing

a dozen shots at the Chin-ki-ku fort at

Shanghai, by the Nanking on the 18th

ult. They are proceeding to Mo-ut-ki.

All the men are members of the church,

and were rich men, but have given all

their possessions to the poor.—*Shen* of 23rd March.

THE S. S. 'ZAFIRO' ASHORE.

Considerable anxiety was felt in the Colony yesterday concerning the China and Manila S. S. Company's steamer Zafiro, Captain R. M. Talbot, which left Hongkong for Amoy and Manila on Saturday last, the 4th inst., no information having been received of the vessel's arrival at

power than the muzzle-loaders in the British squadron. As representative of the class of guns with which these vessels are provided, it will be quite sufficient to state that the Dugay Trouva carries eight 200-pounders, and an equal number of 100-pounders, having a penetrative power equal to that of the 6-inch guns of the Audacious.

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